**Activity report (tool 2b)**

*I: Description of the activity*

What is the nature of the activity?

a. Capacity building/Training exercise---------------------------

b. IP meeting---------------------------------

c. Field activity-------------------------------

d. Reflection meeting--------------------------

f. Other activity (Specify) ------------------------------

What were the objectives of the activity **(Please explain the activity and why it was held)**? –

* To present and update the African Rising research results, out puts, challenges and opportunities
* To present different the new research protocols developed by different projects (Africa rising , TARI/Maichew ATVETE college, ICRISAT, ICRAF, CIP and other stockholders)
* To present the value chain and market linkages survey result to Woreda IP members
* To brief participant about the Most Significant change story (MSC) selection guideline and Fill IP member evaluation form as well as selecting the most significant change stories of the Woreda by participating all Woreda IP members
* To discuss about capacity building activities of each research activities: where is the synergy? What are next IP activities (evaluation meeting and farmers field day in October and November)

Who organized/originated the activity? Africa Rising project

Date of the activity June 7-8, 2015 G.C

*II: Participation by IP actors in the activity (attach IP register for verification)*

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| **Number of organizations or actors grouped by the type of organization** | **Number** |
| Number of male farmers | 6 |
| Number of female farmers | 2 |
| Number of researchers | 7 |
| Number of policy organizations (including Woreda or kebele offices) | 8 |
| Number of NGOs | 5 |
| Number of farmer groups (clusters) represented | 3 |
| Number of private sector organizations | 1 |
| Number of other groups and specify (e.g. youth groupetc.) | 1 |

*III: Narrative description of the activity (Around 300 words)*

*Briefly describe the key elements of the activity-What went well and what did not go well?*

***What went well?***

*All the above activities were goes well and according the proposed program*

**After presenting and update of the African Rising research results, out puts, challenges and opportunities by ato Mohamed Ebrahim The following comments was raised**

* Introduction of the different technology by the project was appreciated but the disease for appl was not get solution yet and need attention
* The faba bean disease is serious in the two kebele then integrated pest management protocol should done by ILRI projects that have related discipline
* The barley and wheat yield presented by the project was exaggerated and need further check up and care full yield data collection from large area can help to have precise result
* The project was limited its research activity only in the two kebele and need to scaling up to other kebelles
* The feed traph and storage was very important and have high demand by the farmers but women headed participation was almost no, then the project should include and consider some women headed households in next plan
* The input supply in the previous was late and early supply of input should help for early planting
* What is Africa rising project plan on strengthening of cooperatives
* Africa rising should work on the market linkage of potato b/c farmers are get problem on market linkage for what they produced
* Africa rising should documented all the best technologies and practices undertaken by the two kebele for scaling up to other kebele and area

**After the different the new research protocols was presented by the different projects: the following question and comments was raised**

* Desho is strong to be used as animal feed and you need to have the good variety from Oromiya region Jeldu woreda which is suitable for animal forage
* All protocols should consider women house hold head participation
* In the Next participatory varietal selection (PVS) activities the number of treatments should be minimized and the area per treatment should be not less than 10m X 10m
* The input seed supply for potato and pulses should provide early and the farmers can plant with June month to escape the early rain cease
* The introduced apple varieties are not suitable for the area then It is better to use appropriate apple varieties from Mekelle University Apple nursery and the dormancy period should also consider
* The chick pea varieties planed to test are about 8 varieties at on farm level then we should minimize this number or we should give responsibility for research for adaptation trial
* To escape from the introduced apple disease problem and to be sustainable Africa rising project and other ILRI Institutions should establish apple nursery site in one of the two kebele
* We are also planning to plant more apple seedling but we have no pure and disease free apple seedling source then we will get difficulty on its implementation

**For the value chain and market linkages survey result presentation the following comments was raised**

* The value chain survey was not detailed and the value chain for fruit, bee keeping, commodity quality issue, problems of each actor with in the value chain and the profit gained by each value chain actors, Livestock market out of Maichew town was not consider, (e.g. There is huge animal market area namely Shinkomajo Animal market place in the woreda but not included during the survey)
* The Value chain survey was limited in Maichew town market only and it should consider/inclusive all market areas within the woreda and strengthen the result in the future
* The result of the value chain survey was too late and some commodity chain was completely different currently.

**About the Most Significant change story (MSC) selection guideline and evaluation form**

The Most Significant change story (MSC) selection guideline was presented by Ato Tesfay Hagos (TARI) and after the presentation the IP meeting participants was invited to have additional comment on the presented MSC selection guideline and to suggest the MSC in the two kebele. All participants were agree on the presented guide line and they forwarded the following MSC as following

Table 2. Selected Most Significant change story (MSC) and their rank

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| No. | Selected MSC | Score recorded | Rank |
| 1. | Potato and its value chain | 20 | 1st |
| 2. | Faba bean and its value chain | 8 | 4th |
| 3 | Animal feed storage, traph and forage development (Oats and vetch mix) | 16 | 2nd |
| 4 | The IP and participatory approach of the project (different stakeholders and beneficiaries) farmer to farmer experience exchange, technical backstopping, fast new technology transfer, women participation etc. | 11 | 3rd |
| 5 | Wheat and its value chain | They were also mentioned additional MSC but not ranking | |
| 6 | New integrated pest and disease management (faba bean , potato) |

All the woreda IP members especially stakeholders representing the different institution was requested to put their opinion on the prepared evaluation form and almost all are fill the form and give back their comments

**What was not went well**

* The IP meeting was success all programs well

**What key ‘next steps’ emerged from the activity**

* The actual implementation scheduled of all new protocols was tried to discuss with participants and reached to similar concenses
* The apple nursery site establishment in one of the two kebele is highly demanded for sustainability and avoid/control the problem of apple disease
* The apple should sprayed chemical by discussing with the community and displacing moving the honey bee hives to some are for at least two months
* Farmer and land selection should undertake soon (by Kebele technical IP Members)
* All inputs should be early supplied
* The feed storage and feed traph construction was undertaken in men households only then the women household participation was not consider and if possible it is better to consider for at least 2-3 women headed household farmers in the next plan
* The Desho grass in Maichew TVET college is to strong and the project should bring the soft Desho grass planting material from Jeldu, Oromiya region
* Africa rising should documented by written material, video, photo, pamphlet etc. all the best practices, technologies , lessons learned and approaches followed to transfer to wide area and beneficiaries

At last Ato Gebrezigiabiher /Zone representative/ was making opening speech by saying the project was try introduce new skill, practice and technologies and do all its best we appreciate for that because we get bench marks for our zone, then farmers should scaling up this best practices and technologies by avoiding dependency syndrome for its sustainability. He also mentioned that the Faba bean integrated pest management was good success and it should scale up to other areas with its full package. He also add the spraying of chemical for the apple disease should done by woreda Board office soon to control the fast disease disaster in the area and other neighbor woreda’s. At the end he concludes his speech by appreciating the warm participation of all stakeholders.